

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend the claims as shown below.

1. (Canceled).
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria include an identity of a party to the collateral agreement.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria include a type of the ~~unsecured~~ receivable.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria are applied pursuant to the processing of a new or existing the ~~unsecured~~ receivable.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the criteria are applied pursuant to the processing of a new or existing the collateral agreement.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the link is formed between the receivable data record and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and the collateral agreement record.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.
- 9-14. (Canceled).
15. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having assigned thereto a value

that is a part of a total value of the collateral agreement.

16. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having associated therewith distinct criteria for forming a link between a respective portion and a receivable secured by the collateral agreement.

17. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having a priority.

18. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the link is formed between the receivable data record and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.

19. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and the collateral agreement record.

20. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the link is formed between an object representing a component of the receivable and an object representing a portion of the collateral agreement.

21-27. (Canceled).

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the collateral agreement includes a plurality of portions, each of the portions having assigned thereto a value that is a part of a total value of the collateral agreement.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing receivables and [[a]] collateral agreements in a computer system, the method comprising,

creating, by the computer system, a collateral agreement including a plurality of data records representing a plurality of portions of the collateral agreement, each portion having (1) a priority, (2) a global declaration of purpose identifying a criteria, and (3) a value associated with the each portion, the criteria specifying requirements to secure a receivable to the corresponding portion of the collateral agreement;

ordering, by the computer system, the plurality of portions into an ordered sequence in accordance to their priorities;

creating, by the computer system, a new receivable data record in the computer system representing a receivable;

comparing, by the computer system, data of the new receivable data record to the criteria identified in [[a]] the global declaration of purpose record of the each portion of the collateral agreement according to the ordered sequence associated with a data record representing the collateral agreement, the criteria specifying requirements for the new receivable to be secured to a collateral represented by the collateral agreement record;

[[if]] when the receivable meets the criteria of the corresponding portion of the collateral agreement global declaration of purpose record, recording, by the computer system, a direct link in the computer system that directly identifies the new receivable data record with a corresponding data record representing the each portion of the collateral agreement record and secures the receivable represented by the new receivable data record to the collateral agreement to allow a one-step determination from the receivable to the corresponding data record representing the each portion of the collateral agreement;

[[if]] when the receivable does not meet the criteria of any of the each portion of the collateral agreement global declaration of purpose record stored by the system, recording, by the computer system, the new receivable record in the computer system as an unsecured receivable, without a link to any data records representing the plurality of portions of the collateral agreement record.

30. (Currently Amended) A hardware machine-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions, the executable instructions which, when executed, cause a processor to perform a method for managing receivables and [[a]] collateral agreements in a computer system, the method comprising:

creating, by the computer system, a collateral agreement including a plurality of data records representing a plurality of portions of the collateral agreement, each portion having (1) a priority, (2) a global declaration of purpose identifying a criteria, and (3) a value associated with the each portion, the criteria specifying requirements to secure a receivable to the corresponding portion of the collateral agreement;

ordering, by the computer system, the plurality of portions into an ordered sequence in accordance to their priorities;

creating, by the computer system, a new receivable object data record in the computer system representing a receivable;

comparing, by the computer system, data of the new receivable data record to the criteria identified in [[a]] the global declaration of purpose record of the each portion of the collateral agreement according to the ordered sequence associated with a data record representing the collateral agreement, the criteria specifying requirements for the new receivable to be secured to a collateral represented by the collateral agreement record;

[[if]] when the receivable meets the criteria of the corresponding portion of the collateral agreement global declaration of purpose record, recording, by the computer system, a direct link in the computer system that directly identifies the new receivable data record with a corresponding data record representing the each portion of the collateral agreement record and secures the receivable represented by the new receivable data record to the collateral agreement to allow a one-step determination from the receivable to the corresponding data record representing the each portion of the collateral agreement;

[[if]] when the receivable does not meet the criteria of any of the each portion of the collateral agreement global declaration of purpose record stored by the system, recording, by the computer system, the new receivable record in the computer system as an unsecured receivable, without a link to any data records representing the plurality of portions of the collateral agreement record.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for managing receivables and [[a]] collateral agreements in a computer system, the method comprising,

creating, by the computer system, a new collateral agreement including a plurality of data records in the computer system representing a plurality of portions of the collateral

agreement, each portion having (1) a priority, (2) a global declaration of purpose identifying a criteria, and (3) a value associated with the each portion, the criteria specifying requirements to secure a receivable to the corresponding portion of the collateral agreement;

ordering, by the computer system, the plurality of portions into an ordered sequence in accordance to their priorities;

comparing, by the computer system, criteria identified in [[a]] the global declaration of purpose ~~record of the each portion of the~~ associated with a data record representing the collateral agreement to a plurality of receivable data records representing receivables, the global declaration of purpose ~~object~~ specifying requirements for securing a receivable to the each portion of the new collateral agreement; and

for any when the receivable data record that meets the criteria of the global declaration of purpose of the each portion of the new collateral agreement record, recording, by the computer system, a direct link in the computer system, that directly identifies the each portion of the new collateral agreement record to the receivable data record and secures the receivable represented by the new receivable data record to the each portion of the new collateral agreement to allow a one-step determination from the receivable to the each portion of the new collateral agreement, and

when the receivable data record does not meet the criteria of the global declaration of purpose of the each portion of the new collateral agreement, recording, by the computer system, the new collateral agreement in the computer system without a link to any of the plurality of receivable data records.

32. (Currently Amended) A hardware machine-readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions, the executable instructions which, when executed, cause a processor to perform a method for managing receivables and [[a]] collateral agreements in a computer system, the method comprising:

creating, by the computer system, a new collateral agreement including a plurality of data records in the computer system representing a plurality of portions of the collateral agreement, each portion having (1) a priority, (2) a global declaration of purpose identifying a criteria, and (3) a value associated with the each portion, the criteria specifying requirements to secure a receivable to the corresponding portion of the collateral agreement;

ordering, by the computer system, the plurality of portions into an ordered sequence in accordance to their priorities;

comparing, by the computer system, criteria identified in [a]] the global declaration of purpose ~~record of the each portion of the associated with a data record representing the collateral agreement to a plurality of receivable data records representing receivables, the global declaration of purpose object specifying requirements for securing a receivable to the each portion of~~ the new collateral agreement, and

for any when the receivable data record that meets the criteria of the global declaration of purpose of the each portion of the new collateral agreement record, recording, by the computer system, a direct link in the computer system, that directly identifies the each portion of the new collateral agreement record to the receivable data record and secures the receivable represented by the new receivable data record to the each portion of the new collateral agreement to allow a one-step determination from the receivable to the each portion of the new collateral agreement, and

when the receivable data record does not meet the criteria of the global declaration of purpose of the each portion of the new collateral agreement, recording, by the computer system, the new collateral agreement in the computer system without a link to any of the plurality of receivable data records.